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1.DURING COURTESY CALL SEPTEMBER 4, EDA TOLD POLCOUNS THAT HE HOPED TO

OBTAIN APPOINTMENTS WITH VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND SECDEF. HE REGRETTED JSP OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT'S 1974 VISIT, NOTING HE HAD NOT BEEN MEMBER OF JSP EXECUTIVE BOARD AT TIME. FACT THAT THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT INTERNAL OPPOSITION TO DISPATCH OF MISSION TO US WAS, IN EDA'S OPINION, SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT. EDA UNDERSTOOD IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO HAVING PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY JSP MISSION ACCURATELY REFLECT CONTENTS OF DISCUSSIONS AND NOT MERELY SLATED FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION.

HE IS ATTEMPTING TO ASSURE THAT MISSION MEMBERS UNDERSTAND IMPORTANCE OF

THIS ASPECT FOR BENEFIT OF FUTURE CONTACTS WITH USG. HE DID NOT ELABORATE ON SUBJECTS MISSION WISHED TO DISCUSS IN US, BUT POINTED OUT

THAT HE HAD NEVER BEEN MEMBER OF MISSIONS TO EITHER USSR OR CHINA. HE ADMIRES AMERICAN SYSTEM WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE COMMUNIQUE AT END OF MISSION VISITS. EDA SAID THAT JSP, SHOULD IT COME TO

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POWER, WOULD NOT ABOLISH MST IMMEDIATELY, EVEN THOUGH GOJ HAS SUCH

RIGHT, BUT WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS SITUATION WITH USG WITH AIM OF REPLACING MST WITH TREATY OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP.

2. MISSION MEMBER KAWAKAMI TOLD EMBOFFS SEPTEMBER 4 THAT IN NEW YORK JSP MISSION HOPED TO PAY COZURTESY CALL ON UN SEC GEN WALHEIM BUT NOT PLANNING TO SEEK OUT NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER MISSION. HE CAUTIONED THAT CHOSEN SOREN COULD BE EXPECTED TO ATTEMPT TO INFORM NORTH KOREAN REPS IN NEW YORK OF JSP MISSION WHEREABOUTS, HOWEVER, WHICH COULD CONCVABLY CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR MISSION.

3. PRESS COVERAGE AND COMMENTARY ON JSP MISSION HAS BEEN RATHER EXTENSIVE DURING PAST WEEK. SEPTEMBER 1 ASAHI EDITORIAL COMMENTED THAT ONE OF OBJECTIVES OF JSP MISSION IS TO ESTABLISH BRIDGE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING WITH US, WHICH HAS LONG BEEN JSP TARGET OF DENUNCIATION. IN BELIEF THAT POSSIBILITY OF FORMING JSP GOVERNMENT MAY BE WITHIN REACH. ASAHI WELCOMES JSP DESIRE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS NOT ONLY WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES BUT WITH LEADERS OF THE WEST AS WELL. SANKEI COMMENTED IN SIMILAR VEIN, NOTING THAT JSP WILL HAVE COME OF AGE IF IT IS SUCCESSFUL IN ESTABLISHING CONTACTS WITH US LEADERS. THERE IS SOME TONE OF MILD SKEPTICISM, HOWEVER, AS TO WHETHER JSP AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED WILL BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE ITS AIMS.

4. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, WE HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY THE CLEAR INDICATION GIVEN US OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS THAT A SUCCESSFUL EDA MISSION IS HIGHLY DESIRED BY A NUMBER OF INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE WITHIN THE LDP INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF. AT LUNCHEON ON SEPTEMBER 4, PRIME MINISTER MIKI TOOK THE UNUSUAL STEP OF PERSONALLY REQUESTING THE AMBASSADOR'S SUPPORT IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS FOR THE JSP MISSION WITH VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. MIKI ARGUED THAT WHILE NO DRAMATIC CHANGES COULD BE EXPECTED IN JSP POLICIES, HE THOUGHT VISIT OF EDA MISSION TO US MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN STRENGTHENING MODERATE TRENDS WITHIN THE PARTY. FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR GENERAL AMERICAN AFFAIRS YAMAZAKI HAS FOLLOWED UP ON PRIME MINISTER'S REQUEST, SPECIFICALLY URGING THAT JSP MISSION BE GIVEN "WARM" WELCOME AND HIGH-LEVEL RECEPTION. ALLUDING TO FACT THAT SECDEF RECEIVED DSP MISSION IN TOKYO, YAMAZAKI EMPHASIZED NEED TO MAINTAIN "BALANCED" TREATMENT SO THAT US DOES NOT SEEM TO BE FAVORING DSP OVER JSP. WE HAVE HAD SIMILAR APPROACHES
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FROM OTHERS, INCLUDING RIGHWING LDP MEMBER KITAZAWA AND JAPAN CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE DIRECTOR YAMOTO WHO IS ASSISTING IN CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER ARRANGMENTS IN US. OBVIOUSLY WIDESPREAD GOVERNMENT PRESSURE IS BEING APPLIED.

5. IN RESPONDING TO THESE APPROACHES, EMBASSY HAS ASSURED ALL THAT JSP MISSION WILL BE GIVEN CORDIAL WELCOME AND PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR FRANK AND FRIENDLY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. WE

HAVE AVOIDED ANY SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS AND IN PARTICULAR HAVE NOT ENCOURAGED ANY EXPECTATION THAT APPOINTMENT WITH VICE PRESIDENT COULD BE ARRANGED.

6. IN RESPONDING TO PRIMIN, AMBASSADOR STATED THAT HE WAS SURE THAT JSP MISSION WULD BE GIVEN ALL COURTESIES AND BEST POSSIBLE TREATMENT, BUT THAT HE DID NOT THINK A CALL ON VICE PRESIDENT WAS IN THE CARDS.

7 RECOMMENDATION: ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THAT AN APPOINTMENT BE SOUGHT WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT, IN VIEW OF HIGH-LEVEL AN UNUSUAL INTEREST TAKEN BY GOJ POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AND CERTAINTY THAT RECEPTION ACCORDED JSP MISSION WILL RECEIVE CLOSE SCRUTINY HERE, WE DO RECOMMEND THAT SOME SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN. AMBASSADOR BELIEVES PRIMIN HAS MADE COMMITTMENT TO JSP GROUP TO ARRANGE TOP LEVEL ATEENTION FOR TEM IN WASHINGTON. SO QUESTION IS NOT WHAT ATTENTION GROUP DESERVES, BUT WHAT MUST BE DONE WITHOUT MIKI LOSING FACE. A BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON SECRETARY ISSINGER WOULD CERTAINLY, IN OUR OPINION, FILL THE BILL FOR HIGH-LEVEL RECEPTION. ALTERNATIVELY, AND ONLY IF MEETING WITH SECRETARY IS CLEARLY IMPOSSIBLE, WE WOULD SUGGEST A MEETING WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL. SUCH A MEETING, TOGETHER WITH ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS AT APPROPRIATE LEVELS IN STATE AND DEFENSE SHOULD SERVE TO DEMONSTRATE ADEQUATELY OUR INTENTION TO TREAT MISSION SERIOUSLY AND IN DIGNIFIED MANNER. GIVEN MISSION MEMBER TAMIO KAWAKAMI'S ACQUAINTANCE WITH PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT RUMSFELD AND HIS KEEN INTEREST IN CALLING UPON HIM (REFTTEL), WHITE HOUSE ALSO MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER CALL BY JSP MISSION ON RUMSFELD. THIS WULD GIVE MISSION VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN SOME OF THE FACTS OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCENE.

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